Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Kasper

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to prohibiting the teaching of critical race theory in public schools; and to
- 3 declare an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
- 6 and enacted as follows:
- 7 Curriculum Critical race theory Prohibited.
- 8 Each school district and public school shall ensure instruction of its curriculum is factual and
- 9 <u>objective. A school district or public school may not include instruction relating to critical race</u>
- 10 theory in any portion of the district's required curriculum under sections 15.1-21-01 or
- 11 <u>15.1-21-02</u>, or any other curriculum offered by the district or school. For purposes of this
- 12 <u>section, "critical race theory" means the theory that racism is not merely the product of</u>
- 13 individual bias or prejudice, but that racism is systemically embedded in American society and
- the American legal system to facilitate racial inequality. The superintendent of public instruction
- 15 <u>shall adopt rules to govern this section.</u>
- **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.